

Tools...

Hammer Takes a Beating



Repairmen, you'll be chasing down a mess of lead BBs if the dead blow hammer in your aviation footlocker cracks open. That could result in a FOD nightmare.

The hammer takes a beating when you're working on aircraft rotor heads or doing other prescribed maintenance. It takes more of a beating if you hit sharp surfaces.

Those blows can cut or crack it. Small cracks eventually get bigger. If they get too big, the dead blow hammer splits open and BBs spill everywhere.

If that happens while you're working around the rotor head, you've got a FOD problem that could take weeks to clean up.

So follow your TM instructions and use the hammer only where a maintenance procedure calls for it. Then inspect the hammer periodically for cracks before using it. Make sure BBs aren't showing through the rubber.



IF THE DEAD BLOW HAMMER IS **CRACKING** OR **BADLY DAMAGED**, GET A **NEW ONE** WITH NSN 5120-01-065-9037.